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@LAMTHEKNIGHT VIA TWITTER

Rider busts MBTA cop for sleeping on the job

- 29-year veteran to be disciplined after citizen tweets photo of him snoozing
- Incident follows launch of app that lets users report suspicious activity {page 02}

▶ Transit Police Deputy Chief Joseph O'Connor declined to identify the officer in question, but said the man admitted that he fell asleep.

Sports

Cold-shooting Celts in for a Game 7 fight

- Sixers scratch and claw to an 82-75 win in Game 6 over Celtics
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Britney's big snack attack

Spears wants 12 Snickers per day on the 'X-Factor'? {page 12}

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Boston tied for third place with New York City in a report of the nation's best park systems released yesterday by the nonprofit Trust for Public Land. ParkScore rates park systems in the 40 largest U.S. cities. The ratings are based on park access, park size and the combined number of playgrounds per 10,000 city residents and per capita park spending. METRO

Today's local tweet

"FERENCE TOOK THE ORANGE LINE TRAIN OMG I DO THAT TOO."

@LANDESKOGING AFTER REPORTEDLY SPOTTING BRUINS DEFENSEMAN ANDREW FERENCE ON THE T YESTERDAY AFTERNOON

Police seek man who took kids on theft

BURLINGTON. Burlington police are asking for the public's help finding a man who allegedly took a pair of children shoplifting on Mother's Day.

The man took a boy and girl to a Sears on May 13. He allegedly concealed perfume and tools in a stroller he was pushing.

When store security guards confronted him in the parking lot, he pushed them, threw the children in the car and tried to flee. However, he had to get out of the car and put the boy back inside when he started to drive away with the child hanging outside the vehicle, police said. METRO

Coco to speak at JFK museum

BOSTON. Brookline native Conan O'Brien will be a featured speaker at the John F. Kennedy Library tonight.

O'Brien will discuss his life, work and the art of comedy, according to the library. O'Brien is also a member of the library foundation's board of directors.

While reservations for the general public are sold out, the 6 p.m. forum will be webcast live at www.jfklibrary.org/webcast. METRO

WFNX sale price disclosed

BOSTON. Documents released yesterday on the sale of independent alternative rock station WFNX disclosed the price of the transaction.

Phoenix Media/Communications Group, which publishes the Boston Phoenix, is selling the station to Clear Channel Communications for $14.5 million, the Globe reported.

It will reportedly become a country music or Spanish talk station. METRO/BOSTON.COM

Alert T rider sees officer sleeping, tweets something

Photo of snoozing cop on Twitter Veteran officer admits to sleeping while on duty at Mattapan station

A veteran MBTA Transit Police officer will be disciplined after a rider took a photo of the officer allegedly sleeping at a station and posted it on Twitter.

The rider posted the photo Tuesday night. It shows the officer sitting in a chair inside the substation at the Mattapan station with his head back.

"And I'm suppose to feel safer on the #mbta while the #transitpolice sleep on the job," the rider, @I_amTheKnighT, tweeted.

Transit Police Deputy Chief Joseph O'Connor said yesterday that police saw the rider's tweet and responded to the station about 9:30 p.m.

When the sergeant arrived, the officer was alert and attending to his duties — but when questioned by the supervisor, the officer admitted that he fell asleep, O'Connor said.

"We are certainly embarrassed by it, and I'm sure the officer is embarrassed by it," O'Connor said. "I don't believe it's a full reflection of the good work the officers do day in and day out."

O'Connor did not identify the officer except that he was a 29-year veteran of the Transit Police.

The officer will now go through a disciplinary hearing that will further investigate the incident and will look at the officer's previous record. Discipline could range from a written warning to termination, O'Connor said.

The incident comes shortly after Transit Police launched their new See Say app that allows users to take photos and report suspicious activity and incidents.

O'Connor said the agency's "See something, say something" campaign does not exclude police.

"If it's employee conduct we will certainly contact the department. We investigate every allegation that is made," O'Connor said.

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Snoring dispatcher

An emergency dispatcher in Maryland is getting national attention for falling asleep on the job.

- A woman called 911 last month because she feared her husband was unconscious, but she was transferred to a sleeping dispatcher.
- The unidentified dispatcher can be heard snoring in an audio recording of the call released Tuesday.
- Another dispatcher picked up the call about 38 seconds later and helped the woman.
- The woman's husband was not in serious medical danger, officials said, and was eventually released from the hospital.

Cooking. 'Top Chef'

▶ Winner of "Top Chef" Season 5 Hosea Rosenberg cooks up a dish for fans during a live, interactive cook-off with Tiffani Faison of Season 1 and 8 at Faneuil Hall marketplace yesterday.

NICOLAUS CZARNECKI/METRO

Cooking show heats up Hub fanatics

Bravo's customized "Top Chef" semi-truck parked in Faneuil Hall yesterday as part of the network's fifth annual "Top Chef: The Tour." The free event gave fans the opportunity to meet the "Chef'testants" they've come to know and root for, hear "Top Chef" show secrets and step into the judges shoes to rate their favorite Chef'testants' food. The event coincided with the The Cable Show 2012 that was taking place at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center.

Local campuses place in App Challenge

BOSTON. A team of students from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Wellesley College took home cash as part of an app-building competition judged yesterday.

The MIT students who built a chat application took second place and $4,000. The all-female Wellesley team took third place and $2,000 for their "WorkOut Buddy" app.

As part of the National Cable and Telecommunications Association convention in Boston this week, a group of five colleges competed in a challenge to build an app from scratch in 48 hours.

The Stanford University team took first place and $10,000 with their network traffic prioritization app. METRO

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Crossing guard struck by MWRA truck

A elderly woman working as a crossing guard was hit by a man driving a Massachusetts Water Resources Authority truck yesterday morning.

Maria Stewart, 71, of Everett, was working at Ferry and Cherry streets when she was hit, police said. She was rushed to Massachusetts General Hospital with serious injuries.

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▶ Accident scene

The driver of the MWRA pickup was a 67-year-old Dorchester man. He was taken to a local hospital for observation.

Stewart was a crossing guard at the Everett intersection for about the past five years, according to the Globe. Her family said doctors told them she suffered severe head trauma and that her condition was grave, according to the Globe. They also said she was recently diagnosed with throat and lung cancer and began chemotherapy Monday.

Everett and state police are investigating the crash.

There were no charges filed as of press time and it was not immediately clear what caused the crash. ● MICHAEL NAUGHTON

Local salesman charged with exporting sensitive tech

It sounds like the plot from a movie, but no, it's not about microprocessors.

A Chinese national working as a sales manager for Andover-based MKS Instruments, Inc., allegedly illegally exported sensitive technology to unlicensed users in China.

Qiang Hu, 47, also known as Johnson Hu, was arrested Tuesday at a hotel in North Andover, according to federal authorities. He was charged with conspiracy to violate export regulations, according to the U.S. Attorney's office.

Hu worked in the company's Shanghai office and his position gave him access to parts including pressure-measuring sensors more commonly known as pressure transducers.

The parts are export-controlled because they are used in gas centrifuges to enrich uranium and produce weapons-grade uranium.

Authorities allege in a federal complaint that beginning in 2007, Hu and others exported thousands of pressure transducers to unauthorized end-users.

The scheme involved using licenses of authorized businesses to ship the transducers to users not named on the licenses. It also involved fraudulent licenses obtained with the name of a front company.

The company is not a target of the investigation, the U.S. Attorney's office said.

Hearings scheduled

- **Hu was arrested Tuesday in a hotel in North Andover** and the federal complaint was unsealed yesterday.
- **He is currently being held** in federal custody.
- **A detention hearing** is scheduled for May 31.
- **Hu could face up to 20 years** in federal prison and a $1 million fine.

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Memorial. Train

▶ Lt. Gov. Timothy Murray views the Commuter Rail memorial coach unveiled yesterday.

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Veterans, their families and state officials helped unveil the state's first-ever memorial train yesterday at South Station. The new coach lists the names of fallen soldiers, Marines, sailors and airmen from the Bay State who were killed during Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

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Man gets 2.5 years for fatally shooting friend at Savin Hill

Lawyer says incident was in self-defense ◗ Victim's family wanted longer sentence ◗ Shooter apologizes

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▶ Nhu Nguyen pleaded guilty to manslaughter and firearm charges yesterday for the shooting death of 19-year-old Derek Matulina on the Savin Hill MBTA station platform last year.

Although Judge Jeffrey Locke described the sentence he was about to hand down as "lenient," he agreed to the request of prosecutors and a defense attorney to sentence a Dorchester man to two and a half years in jail for fatally shooting a teen last year.

Nhu Nguyen, 20, pleaded guilty yesterday to charges including manslaughter during a plea hearing at Suffolk Superior Court. Nguyen admitted to fatally shooting his friend, 19-year-old Derek Matulina, during a fight at the Savin Hill MBTA station last May.

"I know whatever I have to say is not going to change what I did. I'm truly sorry for the loss of your son and a friend of mine."
NHU NGUYEN

Matulina's father Robert said that he wanted to see Nguyen serve a longer sentence.

"This is the best we could do," Robert Matulina said. "It's a tough pill to swallow."

Deirdre Murphy, Matulina's mother, gave a tearful impact statement during the hearing.

"The court has allowed you to plead guilty to manslaughter and walk away from murder," she said. "But you know and I know murder is what happened on that Savin Hill platform."

If the case went to trial, prosecutors would have to prove that Nguyen used excessive force for self-defense. Assistant District Attorney Holly Broadbent said the recommended sentence takes into account that Nguyen had no adult convictions and his age.

"It's lenient," said Locke, "but it does seem to fully factor in all of the facts and circumstances surrounding this event."

Nguyen and Matulina were friends who would sell marijuana together, Broadbent said.

The two crossed paths at the T station last May and an argument broke out over a debt from a transaction. Matulina tried to get Nguyen to fight him, but Nguyen refused and flashed a gun. While walking toward the station platform, Nguyen turned his back and that's when Matulina repeatedly hit him in the head and back with a padlock tied to a bandanna.

Nguyen had nowhere to run, with Matulina's friends blocking the station's exit and electrified tracks on either side of the platform, lawyers for both sides said.

That's when he shot Matulina once in the chest.

Police found Nguyen at his father's house in Maine days after the shooting.

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The sentence

The plea agreement details:

- His concurrent sentences on manslaughter and gun charges will net him two and a half years in a county jail.
- He faced more than 25 years in state prison if found guilty of the manslaughter, gun and ammunition charges.
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News in brief

TOM WILLIAMS/CQ ROLL CALL

▶ Sullivan

Secret Service chief apologizes for hooker scandal

WASHINGTON. The head of the Secret Service, in his first public appearance since a scandal involving Colombian prostitutes and his employees, apologized for the misconduct yesterday — but lawmakers expressed doubt that this was an isolated incident.

Secret Service Director Mark Sullivan, gray-haired in a blue striped suit and tie, faced the Senate Homeland Security Committee and asserted that the behavior of a dozen employees in Cartagena last month did not reflect the culture of the agency.

"I am deeply disappointed, and I apologize for the misconduct of these employees and the distraction that it has caused," Sullivan said. **REUTERS**

Journalist: Piers Morgan taught me phone-hacking

LONDON. One of Britain's most-respected journalists said yesterday that former tabloid newspaper editor Piers Morgan showed him how to hack into phones 10 years ago, the latest twist in a scandal that has so far centered on Rupert Murdoch.

Morgan, now a CNN talk-show host in the United States, has consistently denied authorizing phone hacking during his time as editor of the Daily Mirror.

The criminal practice has damaged Murdoch's reputation. **REUTERS**

Facebook, banks sued over pre-IPO analyst calls

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▶ The lawsuit seeks class-action status, and was filed yesterday in the U.S. District Court in Manhattan.

Facebook Inc. and Morgan Stanley, the lead underwriter of social networking company's IPO, were sued by shareholders who claimed the defendants hid Facebook's weakened growth forecasts ahead of its $16 billion initial public offering.

The lawsuit, which also targeted underwriters JPMorgan Chase and Goldman Sachs, among others, comes as Facebook and the banks that took it public face many questions about the IPO process, which culminated in a May 18 stock market debut plagued by technical glitches.

The legal action accused the defendants, including Facebook Chief Executive Mark Zuckerberg, of concealing "a severe and pronounced reduction" in revenue growth forecasts resulting from increased use of Facebook's app or website through mobile devices.

"I don't think any investor in Facebook wouldn't have wanted to know that information."
SAMUEL RUDMAN

Facebook was also accused in the lawsuit of telling its bank underwriters to "materially lower" forecasts for the company.

"The main underwriters in the middle of the road show reduced their estimates and didn't tell everyone," said Samuel Rudman, a partner at Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd, which brought the lawsuit. "I don't think any investor in Facebook wouldn't have wanted to know that information." **REUTERS**

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ATM pins pose new risk of fraud

How debit card consumers choose and use their personal passwords and PIN numbers may well hike their risk of being victimized by financial fraud.

It's an appropriate topic given that June is ATM & Debit Card Safety Awareness Month, an issue your grandparents didn't see coming 30 years ago, but some law enforcement authorities sure did.

Consumers who give debit card fraud short shrift do so at their own risk. According to Javelin Research, debit card fraud accounted for 36 percent of all payment card fraud in 2010, up from 27 percent in 2009. Debit card fraud is more vexing for consumers than credit card fraud, as debit card fraud is rarely insured, and the losses come straight out the consumer's bank account.

"Debit cards aren't monitored as thoroughly as credit cards," says Javelin in its 2011 Identity Fraud Survey Report. "Visa and MasterCard networks have more thorough histories on individuals and can spot suspicious transactions. The debit card network, however, relies on the consumer's transaction history with a specific financial institution, not the entire Visa and MasterCard system, according to the Identity Theft Resource Center." **MAINSTREET.COM**

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▶ Consumers and financial institutions should discourage the use of birthdays as PINs – they're too easy for thieves to crack.

Card tips

- **Monitor your financial account statements:** Track your bank accounts online daily so that any suspicious activity is spotted quickly.
- **Protect your wallet, purse and PIN:** Don't carry items with private information such as your Social Security number in your pocketbook or wallet.
- **Be extra alert at ATMs:** Don't use an ATM if it is in an unlit or hidden area. Block the keypad while entering your PIN so you can't be observed. If an ATM looks phony or has a suspicious card reader that is loose or not part of the main body of the machine, do not use it.

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▶ Central Park, NYC

Boston, NY among best parks in US

SAN FRANCISCO. San Francisco has the best city park system in the United States along with Sacramento, Boston and New York, according to a ranking of the 40 best systems across the country.

The Trust for Public Land, a nonprofit conservation organization that released the report, said Fresno's park system in Calif. was the one most needing improvement.

Sacramento ranked second, while Boston and New York tied for third. **REUTERS**

Scientists turn skin cells into heart muscle

LONDON. Scientists have for the first time succeeded in taking skin cells from patients with heart failure and transforming them into healthy, beating heart tissue that could one day be used to treat the condition.

The results meant they might eventually be able to reprogram patients' cells to repair their own damaged hearts. **REUTERS**

Inside access given for bin Laden film

WASHINGTON. The Obama administration arranged for two filmmakers to get special access to government officials involved in the operation that killed Osama bin Laden.

Documents lay out contacts between White House, CIA and Pentagon officials and Kathryn Bigelow and Mark Boal, the director and screenwriter of "The Hurt Locker." **REUTERS**

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Today, Joan Rivers is wary of change, Bette Midler is happy we're sobering up, Martha Plimpton knows what she likes and Marcia Cross enjoyed her vacation.

@Joan_Rivers: Virgin Atlantic will allow the use of cell phones on flights. Now the flight attendant can call me to say, "Get your own coffee!"

@BetteMidler: People are drinking less soda! Great news for health and great for planet with fewer of those goddamn plastic bottles!!

@MarthaPlimpton: If you don't know how to use horns, jack, you're nowhere. Horns are my jam.

@ReallyMarcia: Much love to the Irish and thanks for your hospitality. You sure know how to make a girl feel loved. Til the next time..

Rivers

Britney has needs

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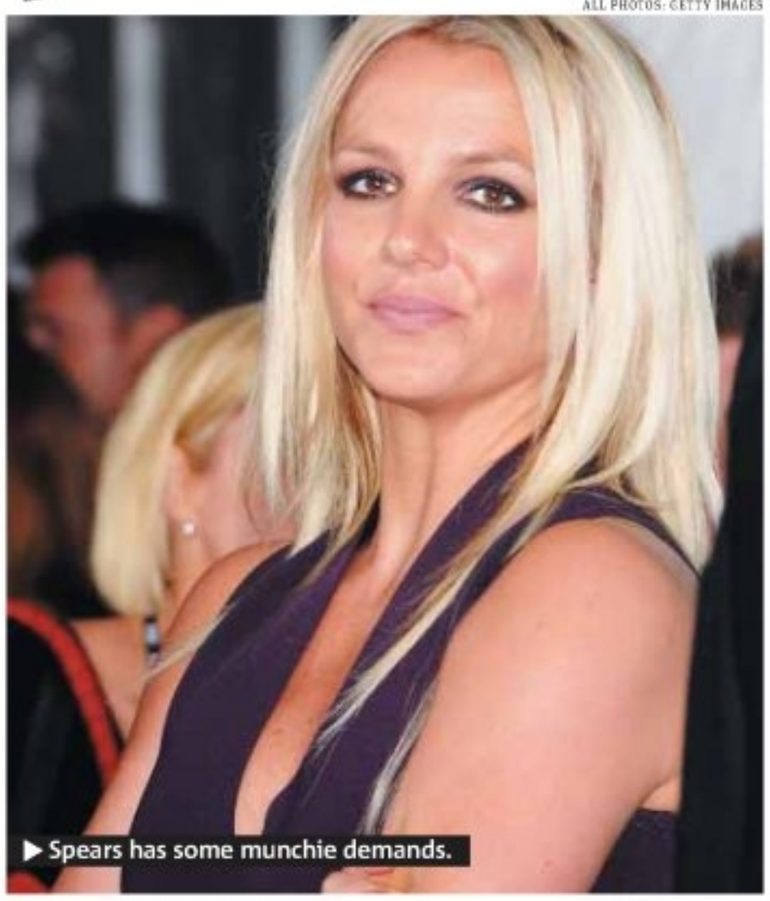
Britney Spears may be making $15 million for gracing the judges table on "The X Factor," but she still doesn't intend to put out her own snack money.

Details from the singer's contract have leaked, and she has some very specific requests as far as dressing room needs are concerned. Every day, she'll require fried chicken (legs and breasts only), 12 Snickers bars, 24 cans of Coke, 10 snack-size bags of Doritos and 12 vases of magnolia blossoms — give or take a basket of baby white lion cubs, depending what source you're going with.

Not that all of this junk food is exclusively for Spears, who has reportedly been hitting the gym before cameras start rolling. She's also requested a 24-member staff that includes a beauty team, a massage therapist and a "spiritual adviser."

How sweet would it be to serve as Spears' spiritual adviser? You know you could just toss this chick a couple mood rings and spend the next seven and a half hours eating her Doritos.



▶ Spears has some munchie demands.

Clarkson's just too happy

Now that **Kelly Clarkson** is in a stable relationship, she fears her art will suffer.

"It is killing me. I'm trying to write a tough song, and it is coming out like butterflies and rainbows," the singer tells People magazine. "It is ruining my creativity."

You've got to make sacrifices for love, Kelly. But then again, most of us couldn't write lyrics as lame as these after, say, junior year:

"I used to stand so tall
I used to be so strong
Your arms around me tight
Everything, it felt so right"

▶ Clarkson

Today in Kardashians

Khloe Kardashian is dishing out some tough love. According to Australia's NW magazine, after finding a stash of **Kim**'s Valium and sleeping pills, she told her sister to clean it up or she was telling mom.

"Khloe's really freaked out by it: She found a bottle of pills and knew straight away what Kim was doing," says a source, adding that Kim began self-medicating after splitting from **Reggie Bush** two years ago.

Oh, Khloe — if you only knew what we started swallowing after her four-hour wedding special.

Khloe Kardashian

Colbert Nation speaks

Maxim magazine let readers vote on this year's list of the 100 hottest women, which is why **Stephen Colbert** — who launched a massive write-in campaign — comes in at number 69. The comedian beat out Word favorites including **Sofia Vergara** (at 71) and **Christina Hendricks** (an unacceptable 77).

Colbert

Talking points

Baby on the way for Megan Fox

Megan Fox is reportedly pregnant — and it's a girl, according to Star magazine. "She's been helping to raise [husband] **Brian [Austin Green]**'s 10-year-old son, **Kassius**, for years, and now she'll have the experience of being mommy to a little girl," a source says. "Obviously, Megan and Brian would be happy with a healthy baby of either gender, but they're beyond thrilled that Kassius is going to have a little sister." It looks like it'll be a busy autumn for the "Transformers" star. "She'll be due at the very end of September or the first week in October," the source adds. "Megan is attached to a movie called 'Swindle,' but it's in rewrites and probably won't even begin filming until next year. So right now her plate is totally clean, and she can devote herself to her baby."

▶ Lady Gaga

Lady Gaga wants the best for you

At a tour stop in Manila, **Lady Gaga** took a moment to address the recent protests that have been waged against her — leading to her not being allowed to perform in Jakarta. She's also drawn protest from Biblemode Youth, a Christian group that called for an end to her shows in the Philippines. "Some people think that I stand for, like, really inappropriate things," she told the crowd, according to Hollyscoop. "The truth is I want the f—ing best for you. I want the best for every single one of you. I love you with all of my heart and all my soul, I really do." As for stirring up controversy in the Philippines, Gaga doesn't seem too concerned: "Don't worry, if I get thrown in jail in Manila, **Beyonce** will just bail me out," she posted on Twitter this week. "Sold out night two in the Philippines. I love it here!"

Welcome to summer party season

1: Why yes, **Cameron Diaz** can make white coveralls look hot if she wants to. The actress was on the red carpet Tuesday night for the London premiere of "What To Expect When You're Expecting."

2: Be careful: Look into "What to Expect" star **Chace Crawford**'s twinkling blue eyes too long, and you'll be stuck watching "Gossip Girl."

3: Hello, pretty! A cheery **Kylie Minogue** was at Cannes promoting her new French film, "Holy Motors."

4: Kristen Stewart, you are with **Kirsten Dunst** in the French Riviera: We demand that you stop pretending to play it cool at Cannes.

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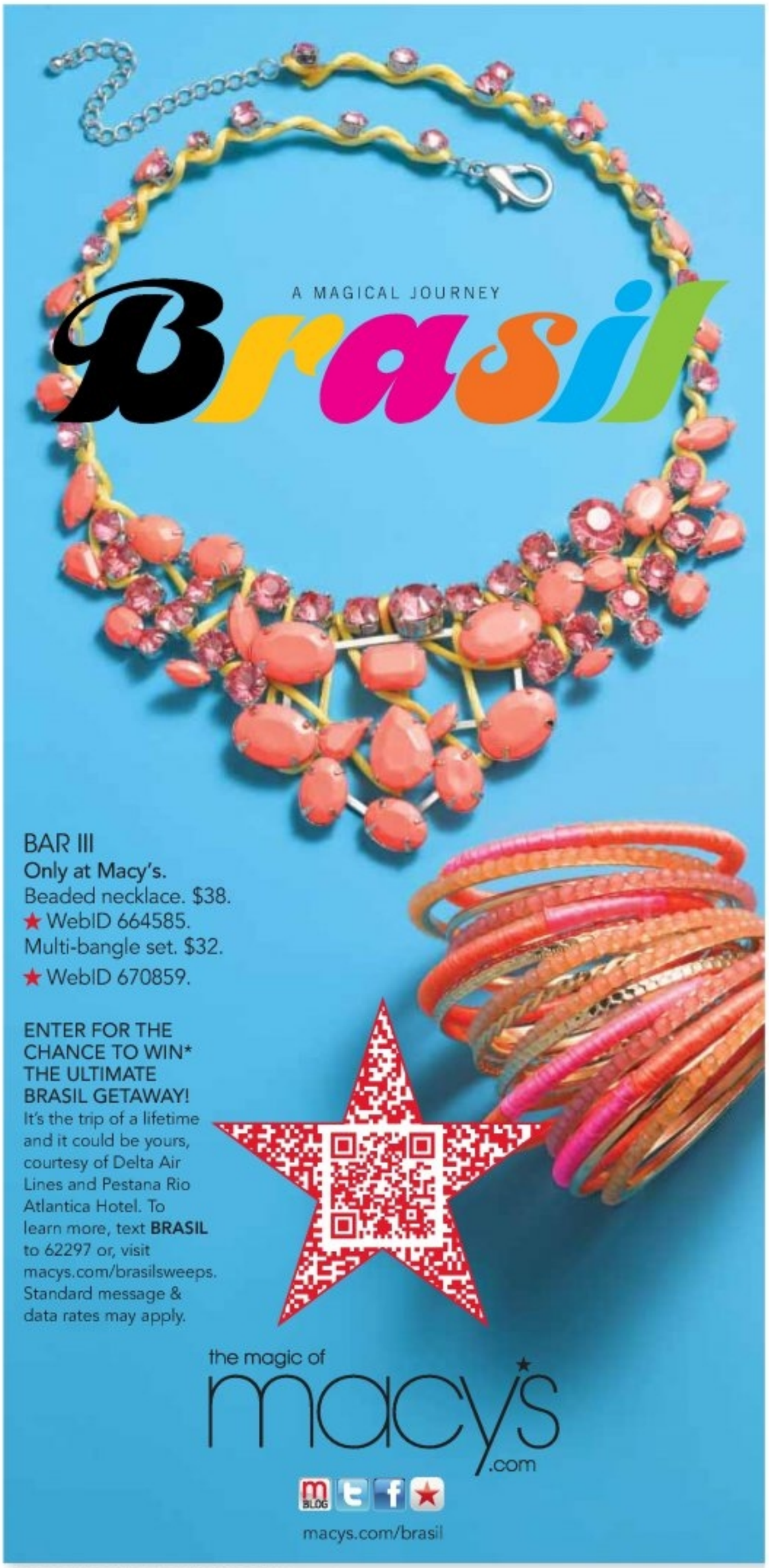

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10 Reasons to hit the movies this weekend

Must-see

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▶ Josh Brolin makes for a very convincing Tommy Lee Jones circa 1969 in "Men in Black 3."

1 'Men in Black 3' Agents J (Will Smith) and K (Tommy Lee Jones) are back in business, keeping alien life forms under control on Earth — that is, until K is mysteriously erased from existence and J must travel to 1969 to find young K (Josh Brolin) before things go awry.

2 'Chernobyl Diaries' Oren Peli, the man who brought us "Paranormal Activity" and its sequels, presents the tale of six Americans on an "extreme tourism" trip to Pripyat, the town that was home to workers at the Chernobyl nuclear reactor. They inevitably find themselves stranded but not alone.

3 'The Dictator' Sacha Baron Cohen is the juvenile leader of the African nation of Wadiya, who is replaced by a double during a coup in New York City.

4 'Battleship' In this adaptation of the board game, aliens invade from the sea. And if that doesn't float your boat, there's always Rihanna, Taylor Kitsch, Alexander Skarsgard and Brooklyn Decker to stare at.

5 'What to Expect When You're Expecting' Based on the how-to book of the same name, this comedy is packed with marquee names: Jennifer Lopez, Cameron Diaz, Elizabeth Banks and Brooklyn Decker, again.

6 'Dark Shadows' Tim Burton reimagines the 1960s soap opera in which a vampire from the 1700s awakens in 1972. He seeks out his dysfunctional relatives to restore his recently diminished family name in a small town in Maine.

7 'The Avengers' Sci-fi master-in-chief Joss Whedon directs a bevy of big stars as seven Marvel heroes join forces to conquer the evil Loki.

8 'The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel' Retirees travel to Jaipur, India, to live out their golden years.

9 'The Five-Year Engagement' Jason Segel and Emily Blunt dodge obstacles en route to getting hitched.

10 'Safe' Jason Statham stars as an ex-cage fighter attempting to save a girl from the Russian mob.

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TV watch list

'Duets'

REALITY. To satiate your singing competition fix post-"American Idol" (and "The Voice" and "The X Factor"), ABC presents "Duets," a contest that pits wannabe pop stars against each other — and their mentors. Kelly Clarkson, John Legend, Robin Thicke and Sugarland singer Jennifer Nettles serve as the celebrity mentors performing — you guessed it — duets with the competitors vying for a contract with Hollywood Records. **Series premiere, 8 p.m., ABC**

'Men at Work'

COMEDY. Danny Masterson ("That '70s Show") heads a cast of buddies who work at a magazine, but mostly prowl the streets of New York City looking for love — or some quick, unsatisfying version of it. **Series premiere, 10 p.m., TBS**

'So You Think You Can Dance'

REALITY. People still think they can dance as this reality series enters its ninth season. **Season premiere, 8 p.m., Fox**

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▶ From left: Kelly Clarkson, John Legend, Jennifer Nettles and Robin Thicke are the celebrity mentors on the new singing competition "Duets."

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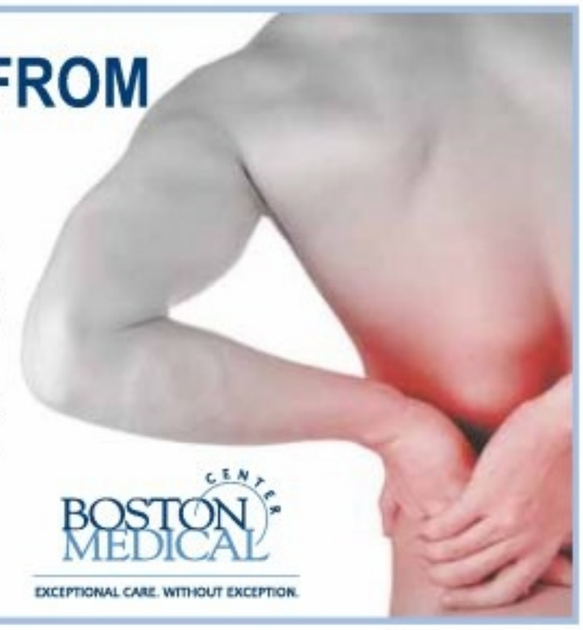

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Summer music festivals have officially begun Here's a guide to preparing your look

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You've scored tickets to Lollapalooza and the weather forecast looks:

Sunny:
Go for Isabel Marant's Navajo-inspired sweatshirt, ($560, www.mytheresa .com), and wear it with a pair of cut-off denim shorts and Minnetonka boots (they're trendy again, thanks to Kate Moss).

Overcast, rainy and chilly:
Keep the sweatshirt and cut-offs, but lose the shoes. Instead, waterproof your look with an ASOS Rainmac ($87, www.asos.com) and boots that will hold up in the mud, like a pair of Dr. Martens.

You're heading to Tennessee to see Radiohead at Bonnaroo and your travel companions are:

Three of your best girlfriends:
Now's the chance to wear that fringed kimono ($78, www.asos.com) you bought that your boyfriend makes fun of. He doesn't seem to understand that Asia is having a moment in fashion right now, but your girlfriends totally do.

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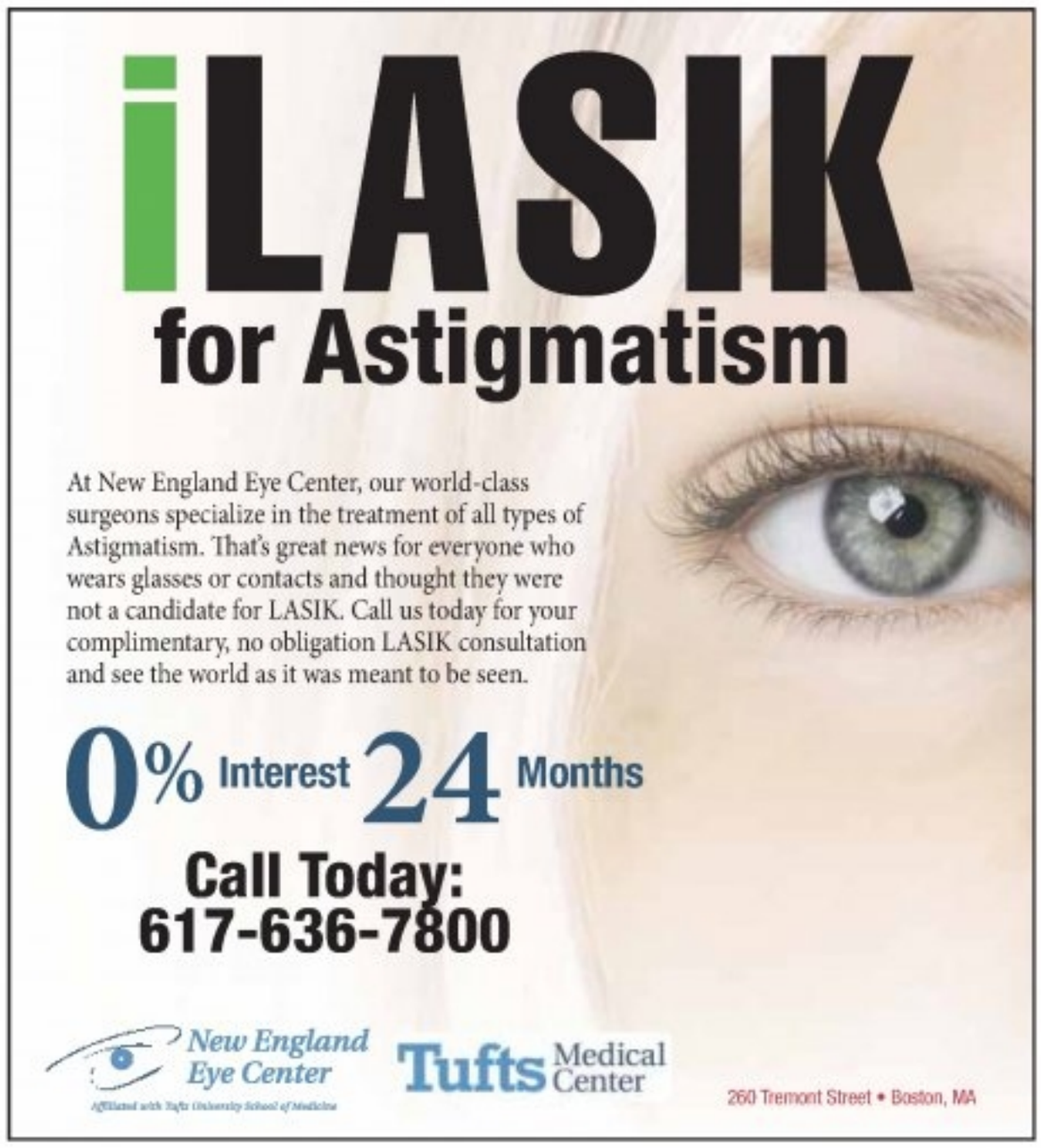

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THE BIGGEST CONCERTS OF THE SUMMER

These acts are booked into enormous venues for a reason A sampling of where you can get your rock on, your rap on and your nostalgia on

Drake
June 17, Comcast Center
The Canadian-based rapper has loaded his "Club Paradise Tour" with such a giant entourage of openers that it was tempting to put this concert in the "festivals" category. But as great as openers J. Cole, Meek Mill, Waka Flocka Flame and 2 Chainz are, this is Drizzy's show. Recent set lists have shown that he performs more than 20 songs each night, drawing heavily from last fall's "Take Care."

Drizzy gets busy with the help of some friends.

Radiohead
May 29, Comcast Center
Before you write off Radiohead as music that's strictly for earbud listening, you should know that they've been busting out a lot of "OK Computer" songs at recent shows. They've also retooled most of the songs from last fall's "King of Limbs" to rock way more.

Dave Matthews Band
June 5 and 6, Comcast Center
On one hilarious sketch on the "Saturday Night Live" finale, Bill Hader began by saying, "Hi, I'm Dave Matthews. Remember me? From college?" Apparently a lot of you do, as Dave-demand is high enough for a two-night stand.

Neil Diamond
June 23, TD Garden
Need two reasons to check out this concert? How about "Shilo" and "Sweet Caroline"? Not only did he write these hits, but he sells them so hard in concert, wearing glittery garments that should (but don't) contradict his status as a top-notch songwriter.

Santi says:

"At Coachella I saw a little bit of The Weeknd, and At the Drive-In, and Radiohead. It was great. It was really cool. I had never seen them perform before, so I was just really enjoying Thom Yorke's dance moves. He's so good."

The Beach Boys
June 26, Bank of America Pavilion
Celebrating their 50th anniversary, this touring incarnation actually features all surviving members of the Beach Boys. This is noteworthy because over the past few years, a "Beach Boys" concert could mean just one Beach Boy or another on the stage with a bunch of younger dudes in Hawaiian shirts. But this lineup actually features Brian Wilson, the group's resident genius songwriter who is touring with the band for the first time in more than 25 years. Whether they're picking up good vibrations or just picking up bags of cash, the tour is a rarity not to be missed.

Jones

Norah Jones, July 1, Bank of America Pavilion
Just because your mom loves Norah doesn't have to mean that you can't like the versatile songstress. With her recent album, "Little Broken Hearts," she's gone through a reinvention of sorts. Sure, your parents will still love it, but producer Danger Mouse has snuck some sinister sounds into the mix. Plus, Norah even sings about murdering somebody here!

Roger Waters
July 1, Fenway Park
The most enduring wonder about "The Wall" is that it's an album about isolating yourself, but it continues to reach out and find new audiences. When Pink Floyd attempted to tour for the album shortly after releasing it in 1979, their production was so elaborate that they could only stage the show at four venues. Thankfully, Floyd founder Roger Waters figured out how to bring it to more venues. And if the indoor show that came around in the fall of 2010 is any indication, it was definitely worth the wait. Run like hell to get a ticket!

Aerosmith
July 17 and 19, TD Garden
Aerosmith are a national treasure! Think about it: In an age where it's a possibility that a Tupac ghost could appear on any stage anywhere, it's a marvel that a real live classic band like the bad boys from Boston have all of their original members after all the years of sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll. Not only are they all still living, but they're all still rocking and continuing to make vital music.

Enrique Iglesias and Jennifer Lopez
July 24, TD Garden
J-to-tha-Lo! E-to-tha-Ig! OK, the second one doesn't quite have the same ring to it, does it? But this co-headlining tour really has high potential for spicy duets.

Coldplay
July 29 and 30, TD Garden
Coldplay continue to rise to the occasion and be the arena band that Gen Y needs them to be. Most recently, they busted out a spirited and sweet cover of the Beastie Boys' "Fight for your Right" on the day that MCA died. Plus, word is that they hand out light-up wristbands to attendees that makes for a cool concert effect.

Bruce Springsteen & the E Street Band
Aug. 14 and 15, Fenway Park
August 18, Gillette Stadium
Experiencing the Boss in concert is a rite of passage. Yes, it's mostly wealthy white men in khakis who continue to honor this ritual, but don't let them distract you. The magic is on the stage, where the 62-year-old Springsteen somehow summons an energy that could wear out a performer one third of his age.

The Boss

Brothers of the Sun Tour
Aug. 24 and 25, Gillette Stadium
Don't you dare call what Kenny Chesney and Tim McGraw have got going on between them a bromance! These two country giants have cultivated a relationship that they say makes them "Brothers of the Sun." The tour marks the first time these two cowboys (both of whom "Feel Like a Rock Star") have hit the road together in 10 years, and they've brought along Jake Owen and guitar-shredding woman Grace Potter and the Nocturnals.

Madonna
Sept. 4, TD Garden
The "Girl Gone Wild" mood of Madonna's most recent release, "MDNA," feels like the soundtrack to a midlife crisis. For a concertgoing audience, this can be a good thing if she indulges in over-the-top stunts and theatrics and plays a set that lives in the present rather than getting hung up on nostalgia. Yeah, she'll make it feel shiny and new.

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New albums: June

Usher

'Looking 4 Myself,' June 12
Usher is an artist comfortable enough in his success that he is free to push artistic boundaries. For his seventh album, he's tapped Diplo and Swedish House Mafia to produce, which means it's more daring. He's been calling the style "revolutionary pop."

Justin Bieber

'Believe,' June 19
Biebs has enough sense to wait until the week after his mentor drops his latest "Looking 4 Myself," but by all accounts Bieber has found a new version of himself with his official follow-up to 2010's "My World 2.0." Sources say that his world 3.0 is a lot more Timberlakian — yes that's a word — and grown-up. It's about time somebody got to bringing sexy back.

Fiona Apple

'The Idler Wheel,' June 19
Before you get all bummed that the title of Fiona's seven-years-in-the-making fourth album is only three words long, know that the full title is actually "The Idler Wheel is Wiser than the Driver of the Screw and Whipping Cords Will Serve you More Than the Ropes Will Ever Do." So, yeah, she is in true Fiona form here — but she's good-weird rather than onstage-meltdown-weird. Lead single "Every Single Night" is begging to make for some road-trip bonding for you and your "frehhhh ehhhh ehhh ehh ends."

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Santigold is the master of her 'Make-Believe'

Santi White on the new Santigold album and how two years of touring behind her debut helped her reach more fans She also talks about her 'high school play' props

Santigold became cemented into the lore of summer music three years ago. It all started when an eccentric guy dancing alone on a patch of grass far away from the stage at the Sasquatch Music Festival attracted hundreds of ecstatic revelers to join him, and eventually 5.9 million viewers on YouTube. All the while, singer Santi White was chanting a triumphant chorus of "I've got to be unstoppable."

"That was amazing," says White, reflecting back on the moment. "When we were onstage, we noticed something far off in the distance and just saw this huge part of the crowd running across the field, and I remember afterward we were like, 'Did you see that? What happened?' And then when somebody sent it to me on YouTube I couldn't believe it. I've heard that the video has been used in leadership classes."

This moment is a good metaphor for everything that the music of Santigold represents. The songs are playful and fun, but they are firmly rooted in the notion of spreading positivity. Releasing a self-titled debut in 2009, Santigold toured for two years and built a loyal following, so that when she released her sophomore album, "Master of My Make-Believe" earlier this month, the response was not entirely unlike the dancers running across the field to join in on the fun.

"It's great as an artist, starting out, to just spend some time building a fan base," she says. "I was really grateful that the demand was there for so long."

The live show is equally deserving of that demand, with its cross of high energy and high camp. Robotic backup singers flank White and occasionally bust into funny, old-school dance moves. Backup musicians wear rubber flat-top wigs, making them look like comic book versions of ancient Egyptians. Oh, and there's also a two-person horsey that comes out to dance.

"I just closed my eyes one day and I saw lassos and a horse, and I was like, 'We need lassos and a horse!' and everybody looked at me like I was crazy," she says of the eureka moment. "And then me and my girls went online and we found this cool horse outfit and we were like, 'That's the one!' I wanted it to be theatrical in a very do-it-yourself sort of way, like a high school play."

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She was born Santi White, but you can call her Santigold.

Santigold's dancers horse around.

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'GO!' for it

"Master of My Make-Believe" opens in a call to arms, with the song, "GO!" Against electronic pulses and jungle drums, Santi White sings about how haters have tried to steal her power away, "but they couldn't take it."

"There's truth to all of these songs," she says, "and this one is just watching people in the supermainstream pick and choose and take bits of what's going on in the underground. ... Also, that song is kind of like a tongue-in-cheek fun song. They're kind of like mantra songs for me, where you just need to be like, 'I'm the best!' Especially when you're working on a new record, and you really don't feel like that. There's just times when you don't feel like that, and it's nice to be able to sing songs like that to make you feel good."

If you go

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Hub venues by the numbers

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New albums: July

▶ Nas

Nas

'Life is Good,' July 17
Nas' 10th album has been a slow train coming. The first single, "Nasty," was released last August, and since then two other tunes have leaked. And if they're any indication, the Queensbridge rapper's old-school approach still sounds fresh.

French Montana

'Excuse My French,' July 17
With the number of mixtapes and guest appearances from French Montana, it's hard to believe that this is the Moroccan rapper's first proper album. With the full-length, expect the same cinematic style as on the single "Shot Caller."

▶ Nicki Minaj headlines Summer Jam next weekend.

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This year, forget Lollapalooza and head to a local-palooza

▶ Jam'n 94.5 Summer Jam
June 2
Comcast Center
www.livenation.com
The hip-hop/R&B station-curated fest brings out the hottest names on the radio and beyond. Catch early sets by up-and-coming rappers with big buzz, like Diggy Simmons, Kirko Bangz and Kid Ink. And stick around for tried-and-true headliners like Rick Ross and Nicki Minaj. Also filling out the bill are acts who could be headliners, like B.o.B., Big Sean and Wale.

▶ Cambridge River Festival
June 2
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www.cambridgema.gov/cac/
This free fest is a chance to learn about and get engaged with the local arts community. That doesn't sound exciting enough? How about this: The fest includes five stages featuring local acts like Kingsley Flood. A dance stage teaches salsa, swing and more.

▶ The Seaport 6
June 14
Bank of America Pavilion
www.livenation.com
Ah, what a bittersweet event this will be, as it's probably the last event sponsored by the radio station WFNX, which will soon leave the FM frequency at 101.7 to make way for some Clear Channel something or other. So yeah, that's the bitter part. The sweet part, though, is acts like Delta Spirit, Grouplove, Cake and Reptar are set to perform.

▶ Now that's what we call folk music! John McCauley of Deer Tick will folk things up in Newport in July.

▶ Vans Warped Tour
July 19
Comcast Center
www.livenation.com
Relive your teenage years and check out what the kids are listening to at this mainstay in the festival scene. Maybe even join in the moshing. The Warped Tour continues to showcase the best in pop punk, ska and alt rock, including a handful of bands from the '90s who will make you feel like you're still up on current music, like Taking Back Sunday, Senses Fail and Yellowcard.

▶ Lowell Folk Festival
July 27-29
Lowell
www.lowellfolkfestival.org
This is one of the few places you can hear Chicago blues, Dominican Bachata and traditional music from Zimbabwe, and watch Hawaiian dancers, without leaving Massachusetts. Plus, it's all free.

▶ Newport Folk Festival
July 28-29
Fort Adams State Park, Newport, RI
www.newportfolkfest.net
Ever since Dylan plugged in an electric guitar, this fest has become a more and more eclectic affair, stretching the limits of what the genre of folk can mean. This year continues that fine tradition, with acts like My Morning Jacket, Deer Tick, Alabama Shakes, City and Colour, Jackson Browne, the Berklee City Music Choir and Tallest Man on Earth. Oh, and on that Friday night, Wilco plays with Blitzen Trapper and Megafaun.
CHRIS LEO PALERMINO

▶ Rockstar Energy Mayhem Festival
August 3
Comcast Center
www.livenation.com
Tired of all the stringy kids playing indie rock these days? Spice up your live music experience with some of the loudest in the business — it'll be a rough and tumble one, that's for sure. The Rockstar Energy Mayhem Festival gives a snapshot of the heavy metal superstars — with Slipknot, Slayer, Motorhead and Anthrax, it'll be sure to bust some eardrums.

▶ Motorhead

'Idol'. Winner

▶ Phillip Phillips was crowned the Season 11 champ on "American Idol" last night. The "American Idol" tour comes to the Centrum in Worcester on Aug. 19.

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Phillips crowned 11th 'American Idol'

His detractors may have called him the show's latest WGWG (white guy with guitar), but his fans showed their love by choosing Phillip Phillips as the 11th "American Idol." Phillips bested 16-year-old Jessica Sanchez. Clearly the acoustic crooner was given the better of the two coronation songs, earning raves from the judges. Conspiracy theories have already begun, but Phillips sealed the deal with a slow and steady path to the finish. NICK DUSSAULT

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BEST OF THE FESTS

So you're thinking about shelling out some cash on plane tickets Here's a quick look at which lineups are worth the airfare

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Fitz and the Tantrums play Wakarusa next weekend.

Long lines, loud noises, rubbing up against sweaty strangers — and that's just the experience standing in line for the port-a-potties. That's right, folks — summer music festival season is here. Instead of being exposed to one or two bands every other week or so like an entry level fan, festivals like the annual favorite Bonnaroo give you a chance to squeeze in all of the bands you ever wanted to see (and plenty that you didn't) in one musical cram-session. Not all music festivals are created equal, however, so here are a few that we think are worth schlepping all the way across the country for.

Wakarusa
May 31-June 3, Ozark, Ark.
www.wakarusa.com
Supersized festivals like this one are usually just as much for die-hard music fans as they are for tent and dirt enthusiasts, which has made this long-running music and camping festival in Arkansas such a hit. That and the eclectic lineups — this year the slate runs the gamut from heady electronic bro Pretty Lights, to neo-mod soul act Fitz and the Tantrums, to indie beardos Blitzen Trapper, who were probably going to be hanging around nearby in the woods already anyway.

David Guetta plays EDC

Electric Daisy Carnival
June 8-10, Las Vegas
www.electricdaisycarnival.com
For almost 15 years, this has been one of the biggest electronic music festivals in the country. Now that EDC is bigger than ever, it makes sense that the festival would expand exponentially too. Big names like Avicii, Tiesto, Afrojack and David Guetta headline.

All Good Festival
July 19-22, Thornville, Ohio
www.allgoodfestival.com
Old people like music too, and while they may not do as many drugs as they used to, sometimes it's nice to go back and relive the glory days, if only for a weekend. Phil Lesh & Friends, The Flaming Lips, Bob Weir and Bruce Hornsby with Branford Marsalis, The Allman Brothers Band and your dad will all be there.

Pitchfork Music Festival
July 13-15, Chicago
www.pitchfork.com/festivals/chicago/2012

Lollapalooza
Aug. 3-5, Chicago
www.lollapalooza.com
The old marketing brand returns with a lineup that reads like the ghosts of Lollapalooza past (Red Hot Chili Peppers, At the Drive-In), present (Black Keys, Florence + the Machine) and future (Twin Shadow, SBTRKT). The bill almost seems more Pitchforkian than the actual Pitchfork fest a couple weeks earlier featuring Grimes, Sleigh Bells and Beach House.

This is what Bonnaroo looks like. Are you ready?

Bonnaroo
June 7-10
Manchester, Tenn.
www.bonnaroo.com
In the past decade, Bonnaroo has become the ideal by which all other fests are judged, and a great example of what happens when you realize, whoops, you've become superpopular and need to book more than just jam bands. This year the likes of Skrillex, Radiohead, Mogwai, Das Racist, GZA, Santigold, The Roots and Foster the People give the nation's hipsters a really confusing idea of what Tennessee is actually like.

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New albums: August

2 Chainz
'Based on a T.R.U. Story,' Aug. 14
With the amount of anticipation surrounding this debut, "T.R.U." could be this year's "Take Care." Though 2 Chainz is from Georgia, the comparison to Drake is fitting, as the Canadian rapper turns in an intense cameo on the freaky lead single, "No Lie."

Alanis Morisette
'Havoc and Bright Lights,' Aug. 28
If "Guardian," the lead single on Morisette's eighth album, is any indication, the angsty Canadian is back to that glossy melodic rock that put her on the map in the '90s.

Santi says:

"Headlining gigs are really intimate, and you're with your fans, and that's usually a really great energy. Festivals are great, too. It's just a different energy. There's so many more people, and a lot of times they are your fans too, but there's also a lot of people who are being introduced to your music. It's just a nice atmosphere, to be outside in the daytime."

Music festivals

Fancy a trip across the pond?

Primavera Sound
May 30-June 3
Barcelona, Spain
www.primaverasound.com
As if you actually needed any more enticement to travel to gorgeous Spain, one of the country's biggest music fests regularly brings in a broad lineup of international acts. This year, Spiritualized, the Black Lips and Jeff Mangum are among the highlights in a lineup that also happens to include every other good band ever. We're not going to list them all because we don't want you drooling on your paper. Check it out online and drool on your desk.

Bjork plays the Roskilde Festival in Denmark on July 8 and Pukkelpop in Belgium on Aug. 16.

Sweden Rock Festival
June 6-9
Solvesborg, Sweden
www.swedenrock.com
It doesn't get much more metal than Scandanavia, and since 1992, this orgy of hard rock has hosted just about every important band in the genre. This year old timers such as Motley Crue, Soundgarden and Motorhead go head-to-head with the newer wave of metal slayers like Mastodon.

The Stone Roses
June 29-July 1
Manchester, England
www.thestoneroses.org
A lot of the lineups at American fests tend to overlap, but there's an entire generation of rock fans who've grown up figuring they'd never get a chance to see one of the most influential Brit bands of the past 25 years. While it's not technically a festival, the Stone Roses reuniting for the first time since 1996 for three days of shows, (including support from Primal Scream, Beady Eye and the Vaccines) is something rarer: It's an event. Or you could just wait until mid-August, when the band headlines the second night of Pukkelpop in Belgium. Other acts on that bill include Foo Fighters, Bjork, Wilco and more (www.pukkelpop.be/en/ for info).

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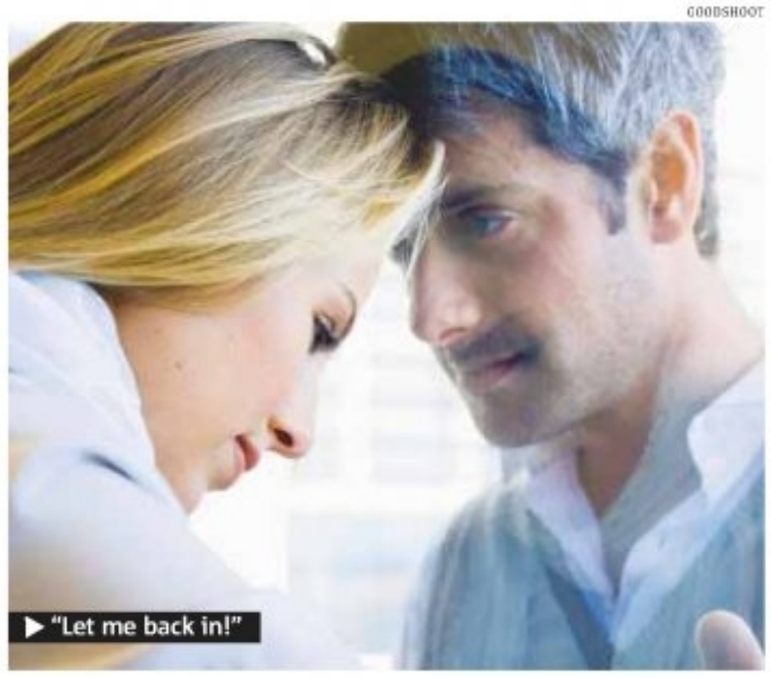

GOODSHOOT

▶ "Let me back in!"

People are always looking for instant love and romance. Take the new dating show that is set to premiere on Fox in early June called "The Choice," on which celebrity contestants will try to find their match in three quick rounds. That's a lot of judging and decision-making in a short amount of time. What if a celebrity makes the wrong fast choice and sends the possible love of his or her life away? And you don't have to be on television to make that mistake. In the real world, how can you know when to give someone a second chance?

So often after a mediocre first date people dismiss any possibility of a future with someone. He or she wasn't at all what you'd hoped: He spent most of the evening talking about his work, or she complained about her friends. And what about the clear lack of chemistry between you? You sat across the table, waiting to be released, figuring that you would never have to see that person again.

Might you be quashing the opportunity to become involved with someone who could actually be a partner with potential? Consider this: You have high hopes for a new restaurant and you can't wait to try their halibut. But the place is much more crowded than you expected, and your fish is burnt. Your first thought is that you will never go back. But there are many possible things at play: Maybe the chef was off that night, or maybe they had opening-month jitters. You may have an entirely different experience on a second visit.

Along the same lines, it is hard to know if you will really like someone based on that first awkward meeting. You want there to be fireworks the minute you sit down. But chemistry is really a magic potion of many things that can't always be created during that first date. He or she might be shy and nervous, and, because of that, be inhibited and not act like himself or herself.

There are definitely times when you don't go for round two. Some examples include if your date is sloppy, or he or she spends the evening talking about the other women or men in the restaurant. But when it isn't so clear, if you can open your mind and let your expectations go, you might discover something you really like about the person that can take you to a great second date with room to continue.

Reader love notes

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▶ *Luis, No one puts a smile on my face the way you do. You are my "all in all" :) What can I say, you're the best. I adore you. Neel.*

▶ *Babe, I just want to remind you once again of how much I love you and that I love waking up everyday next to you. I hope this will put a smile on your face. Thanks for caring for me and for all the happy moments. With love to Yean from Jessica.*

— Relationship expert **Dr. Jane Greer** *is creator of* ***"Shrink Wrap"*** *– national commentary on what we can learn from celebrity relationships – and host of* ***"Let's Talk Sex"*** *at* ***Healthylife.net.*** *Her book,* ***"What About Me? Stop Selfishness From Ruining Your Relationship,"*** *is available nationwide.*

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We all suffer the same fate

RE: "WE MUST STAND TOGETHER, OR ALONE": Young or old, if America really is so great then we all deserve health care. The old face attacks on their earned benefits, and the young are facing a future without benefits at all. The older generations have created this problem, and the younger generation stood idly by, never voting, so no one is innocent. It will take both to resolve this problem — not our so called "leaders," because almost all of them are within the top 1 percent, with free perks plus benefits, who cannot even say how much milk costs let alone understand the struggle the 99 percent face every day. You want change, then vote for it.
DOUG BROWN, VIA E-MAIL

Switched at birth, or maybe not

RE: "RACE AND SEXUALITY ARE NO BEDFELLOWS": In response to Carlos Swaby, advances in medical science have given doctors the ability to alter the gender one is born with. I'm sure the future may hold the possibility for you to "flip-flop" with your race. Michael Jackson had already began to pioneer the science behind such ventures.
MIKE WONS, VIA E-MAIL

You say you are a black man and cannot change that. Well, I am a gay man, and I cannot change that either! These people you supposedly know who "flip-flop" are most likely bisexual, not homosexual. Please learn the difference. I love, and am only physically attracted to, men. No amount of hate from people like you can change that. I love women very much, but I am not sexually attracted to them. I cannot, nor ever did, "flip-flop." I guess we have a different God. My God made me this way. He does not make mistakes. Your God made a mistake in making hateful bigots like you!
RETUS THAYER, VIA E-MAIL

Poetry, not just for infidels anymore

Would you have written about the poetry of Charles Manson or Ted Bundy? I don't think so. The Taliban are savages who mutilate and kill people at the drop of a hat as per Sharia. You sound ludicrous trying to romanticize them.
RICHARD SHERMAN, VIA E-MAIL

Support for pot industry growing

RE: "HERE'S A FREE MARKET TACTIC: LEGALIZE IT": Mr. Penner, you are 100 percent right. Marijuana would create a huge revenue stream for our government, but it's also safer than alcohol. For every 10,000 alcohol-related deaths, there is a single marijuana-related death — and it's probably because that person tried to eat and drive at the same time. There is also pending research that proves marijuana can be used to cure both breast and lung cancer (seriously, look it up). All in all, I think legalizing marijuana would greatly benefit the economic snafu that is this country. **M. GILBERT, VIA E-MAIL**

No matter who you blame, I think we all agree that the U.S. economy is in a sorrowful state with recovery so distant as to seem impossible. That's why it takes an enlightened and progressive government to look to legalizing a blooming marijuana industry.
WILLIE J. EILAND JR., VIA E-MAIL

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Horoscope

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Rather than be eager to display your knowledge to others, you ought to sit back and be a good listener. You know what you know — now it's time to find out what others have to offer.
♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** When it comes your financial or commercial affairs, you should follow your instincts. Your intuitions could be especially keen, giving you an edge on making or saving money.
♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Endeavors you personally originate or manage have excellent chances for success. It behooves you to hold on to your authority and avoid delegation.
♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Usually you enjoy being where the action is, but at this juncture, a retreat to peaceful surroundings for whatever amount of time you need may be essential for sorting out your thoughts.
♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Don't select your companions in a random fashion. If you have a choice, choose the type of friends who operate on your wavelength. Being with good pals makes everything right.
♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Challenging developments have a tendency to bring out your hidden qualities, so don't try to dodge adversity.
♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** It isn't likely that you will be impelled to dictate to others what they should do and how they do it — but if anyone asks for advice, what you offer will be sage and constructive.
♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Use your aptitude for finding and bringing out the hidden value in things, and you'll come out ahead in all your endeavors. You may have to look harder than usual to find the quality, but it'll be there.
♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Don't take it as a personal affront if your partner in a joint endeavor is a bit sharper than you. Use his or her efficacy to feather your nest just as your opposite number is doing.
♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** You shouldn't have to be told to use common sense when it comes to matters of health. Avoid overindulging in life's tastier tidbits.
♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Take a little time to arrange a get-together with some friends, even if it's just for coffee. It'll do you a lot of good to relax with people who like you as much as you like them.
♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Make an effort to spend some time with people over whom you have an influence, especially if you have something important to impress on them. Don't be fooled by age or position; these people will be of enormous help to you.
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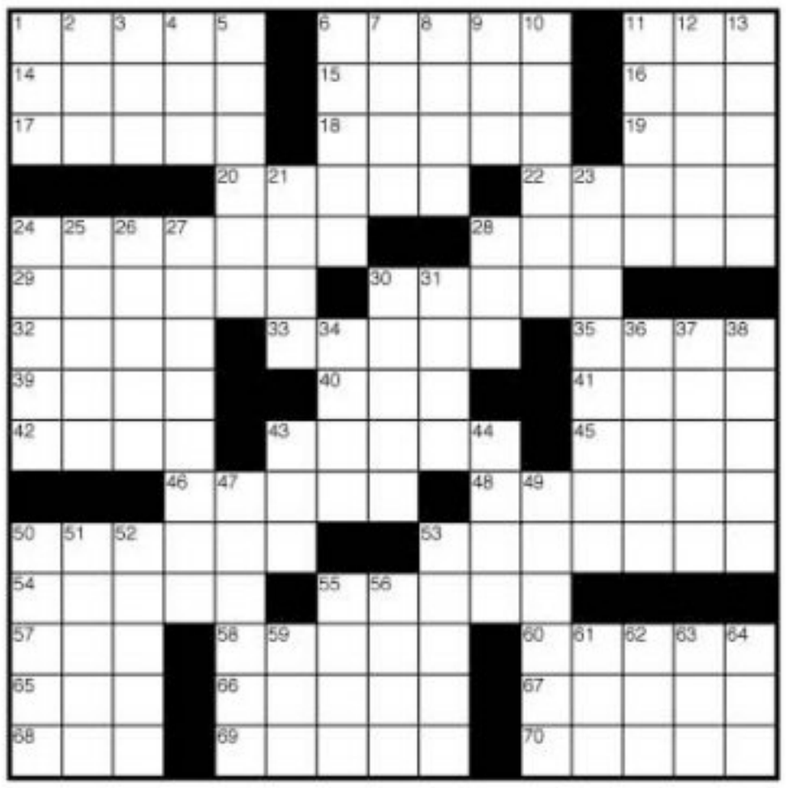

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SUDOKU **LEVEL: HARD**

Solution to yesterday's crossword

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The godfather of home kitchens helps us put on our cooking training wheels with the latest in his acclaimed 'How to Cook Everything' series

Bittman's 'Basics'

Unlike other cookbooks that sit pretty on your living room bookshelf, Mark Bittman's newest release, "How to Cook Everything The Basics: All You Need to Make Great Food," stays in the kitchen. Even the venerable New York Times food writer uses the book as a reference while putting together his sensible and delicious meals. "You think I remember everything that's in there? No!" he says with a chuckle. The book — a collection of 185 classic recipes along with instructions for fundamental techniques — is a refresher for seasoned cooks and a confidence-boosting bible for newbies in the kitchen. With 1,000 step-by-step photographs, it's the next best thing to having mom watch over you as you boil a pot of pasta for the first time.

Quoted

"People are afraid to drive also, but everyone eventually gets in a car and drives. No one drives well the first time. And very few people are going to cook well the first time."
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Why did you want to publish "The Basics"?

It goes back 12 years, actually, to the publication of the original "How to Cook Everything," when there were three complaints. One — which is very amusing — is it doesn't have a recipe for chicken pot pie. Then the more serious complaints were that it was overwhelming — and some beginners did not like it. They picked it up and they said, "I don't even know where to start." Those people would come up to me and say, "I don't want to cook everything. I want to cook something." The other complaint was that it didn't have photographs. Some people would say, "I don't want to cook anything that I don't

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What's your game plan when shopping for groceries?

I go to the produce section and buy everything that looks good. And then I keep a really well-stocked pantry. I want people to say, "I'm going to the store to buy what looks good, and then I'm going to come home and there's a cookbook I can look at that's going to tell me what to do with the stuff I just bought." And hopefully Mark Bittman tells you what to do with it.

What appliances do you recommend for small spaces?

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An appliance that I think is worth getting is a food processor, because I think it's really useful. Blenders are less important, but are nice to have. I think little gadgets are much more important: a set of three or four really good knives, a good vegetable peeler, a cheap mandoline, a grater, like a microplane, for parmesan. I don't have much more than that.

What do you say to people who are afraid to cook?

People are afraid to drive also, but everyone eventually gets in a car and drives. No one drives well the first time. And very few people are going to cook well the first time. It means you need to be willing to make mistakes, and there's a level of maturity that indicates. You have to say, "I have to go through a learning curve on this. Learning curves can be fun. I'm not going to be very good at it — but if I apply myself, after a while I'll be good at it, and that will be really cool." And that's the attitude you need to have.

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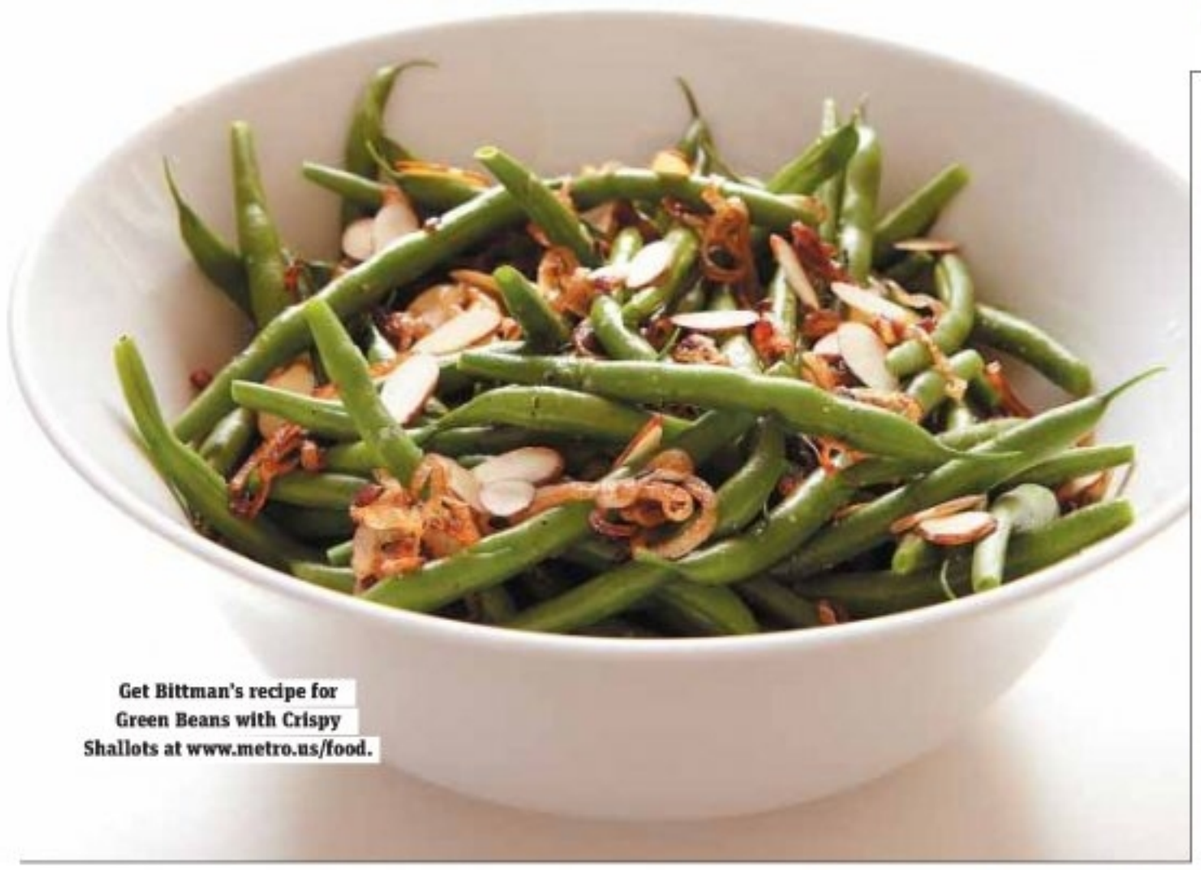

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▶ Ladies enjoy a night out at the lounge in the W. The W is located at 100 Stuart Street in Boston.

Bar crawls are great when they're done right: with one or two friends, absolutely no thematic T-shirts for the occasion and no time frame, so you can savor each stop. Also, never use the term "bar crawl." Not having to, you know, walk too much is key too. There aren't too many places in the city where you can set up a bar crawl all under one roof, which is why I find myself gravitating toward the three bars at the W Hotel when I'm in the Theater District, each of which offers a distinct drinking experience.

The bar at Descent is woefully underutilized every time I've been in. Later at night on the weekends it gets more crowded, but it's a fine option for sneaking away for an early evening cocktail. The room itself — with the slick racing-stripe bar — has a sense of movement, almost a gravitational pull, like it could turn on its side at any moment. Probably best to start here, then, when you've still got your legs. The drink of choice? The Tea Party, made with Benromach scotch, English Breakfast tea, barley syrup lemon and soda.

Upstairs at the lounge in the hotel lobby of the W is typically a more crowded affair, but there are plenty of plush couches where you can sip the Ginger Margarita made with Sauza Hornitos reposado, ginger and lime. Quoth famed margarita expert, my wife, "Oh my God, that is so good. I would divorce you and marry that drink." To make the garnish for the rim, they steep lime juice with fresh ginger, cook it down and strain off the ginger before dehydrating it and mixing with salt.

Inside the more refined restaurant Market by Jean-Georges, you'll find the inimitable Domingo-Martin Barreres behind the bar. If it's not too busy, ask him to run wild with an idea. For us he mixed up a cocktail called the Ishihara, named for the Japanese doctor who invented the color-blindness test, which makes sense when you see it. The drink — made with gin, muddled orange marmalade, yuzu, lychee and chilli and basil oil — is refreshing and wholesome, with a milky consistency from the lychee and light contrasting spice from the chilli. It's like three drinking flavor profiles all at once, like the hotel itself.

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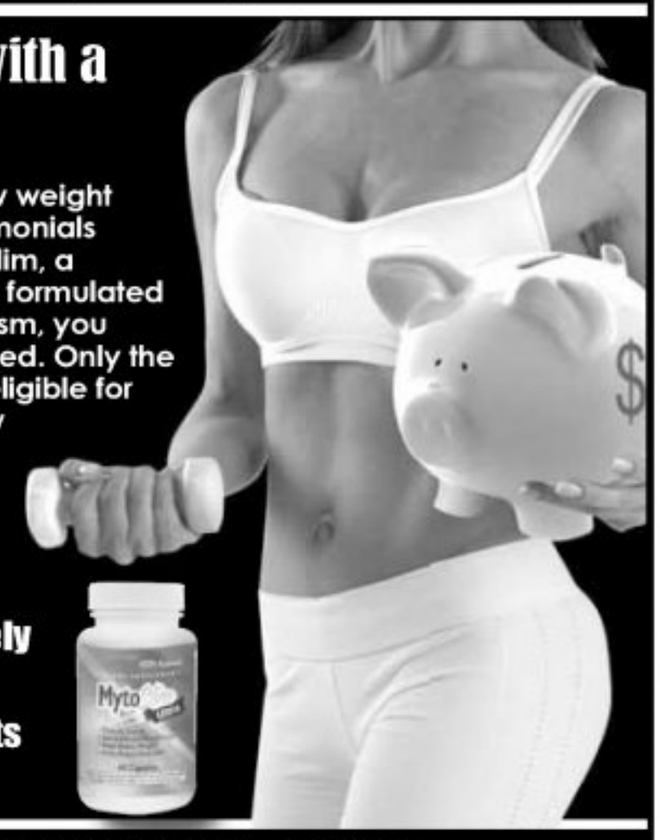

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Game 6: 76ers 82, Celtics 75 (series tied 3-3) **Game 7: Saturday at Celtics (TBA)**

Pushed to the limit

Shaky C's allow young Sixers to extend series to seven games with 82-75 win Pierce finishes with 24 Dreadful first half extends to second with both teams shooting cold

Three things we learned in Game 6 last night:

1 HOLIDAY SEASON
Once again, Jrue Holiday proved that he's the Sixers' most valuable offensive piece. In the Game 5 loss, he took just six shots and the Sixers got blown out. Last night, he got up 15 shots and led the team with 20 points. It's the fifth time he's scored 17 or more in the playoffs. In those games, the Sixers are 5-0.

2 FOR FREE?
For a professional basketball player, free throws are supposed to be simple. The Sixers managed to turn the exercise into a catastrophe last night. By going 17-for-28 (60.7 percent), they allowed the Celtics to hang around way longer than necessary. Boston went 20-for-23 from the charity stripe.

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▶ Thaddeus Young and Lavoy Allen sandwich Brandon Bass last night in Game 6.

3 WEARING DOWN
Kevin Garnett struggled early with his jumper, missing nine of his first 14 shots. Rajon Rondo was unable to finish at the rim, Brandon Bass crashed back to earth and the Celtics wilted.

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Celtics notebook

Hurtin' unit

Avery Bradley did not play last night due to his dual shoulder injuries. The Celtics do not sound optimistic about him returning anytime soon, although he's listed as day-to-day.

Meanwhile, Allen's struggles to get separation and defend on his bum ankle are noticeable — even though he started last night and hit a late 3-pointer. METRO

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Finding a home for Youkilis

Red Sox patching together victories with Youkilis at first, Middlebrooks at third and Gonzalez in OF ◗ Valentine says it's not a long-term solution ◗ Sox take series from Orioles

Kevin Youkilis was like a cop at the scene of an accident before Tuesday's game at Baltimore: Move along, nothing to see here.

There are some who believe Youkilis' return to the Red Sox lineup, with rookie Will Middlebrooks playing Tom Brady to his Drew Bledsoe at third base and Gold Glove first baseman Adrian Gonzalez chasing balls in right field, has all the makings of a 10-car pileup on the Mass Pike.

And so, it is left to manager Bobby Valentine, who has already failed at playing clubhouse cop with Youkilis last month, to now direct traffic in his lineup and keep his veteran stars and eager rookie happy and healthy.

In Wednesday's 6-5 victory over the Orioles, Middlebrooks was again at third. Youkilis, who went 2-for-3 after homering in his Tuesday return, was again at first base and Gonzalez, who is perhaps the only interested observer not concerned about playing the outfield, was back in right.

How long this makeshift lineup sustains itself, before the incumbents yearn to return to their natural positions, is now Valentine's most critical task as the Red Sox appear poised to return above .500 and make a summer run at no less than a Wild Card spot.

Valentine echoed general manager Ben Cherington's assertion that Youkilis will return to an everyday role at third base; that he will not lose his job to Middlebrooks because of the injury that kept him on the disabled list for nearly four weeks.

Ironically, back in 2004, it was Youkilis who was called up in May to replace the injured incumbent, Bill Mueller, only to be shuttled back and forth between Boston and Pawtucket for the better part of the next two seasons.

That won't be the case with Middlebrooks, who continues to impress in his first month of major league action and will not be sent back to Pawtucket, even with Youkilis active.

The issue is more likely how much longer Youkilis will be playing third base every day for the Red Sox. Certainly, as Youkilis has already shown that his bat is healthy, the Red Sox will listen to offers from other teams. The Cardinals, for instance, have lost both their first baseman (Lance Berkman) and third baseman (Matt Carpenter) to the DL in a span of four days.

As long as Youkilis, Middlebrooks and Gonzalez continue to compete for two available infield spots, it's a story that Youkilis will not be able to wave away.

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"I think it's something that can be used throughout the year, but no, I don't think it's an everyday solution."
BOBBY VALENTINE ON WEEI REGARDING YOUKILIS AT FIRST

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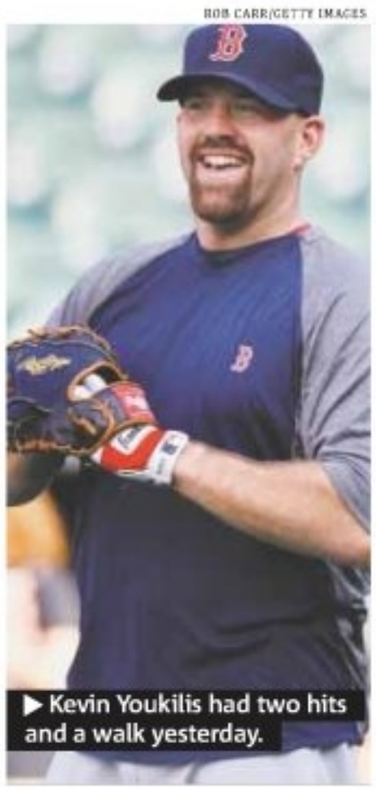

▶ Kevin Youkilis had two hits and a walk yesterday.

The Cold, Hard football facts

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Martin projects as a three-down back in the NFL as he also displays excellent receiving skills and upside as a blocker, and will handle the pigskin early and often in new Tampa Bay head coach Greg Schiano's offense.
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